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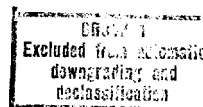
MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : The Director's Talk at NSA

I hope that this will be responsive to the three requests you called down with regard to the Director's presentation at NSA on 8 November. For your convenience, I will list them as follows:

- a. The background paper for the Director on the comparative use of the polygraph between CIA and NSA--Attached as Tab A is a brief statement responsive to this point.
- b. Do we have any Americans who have been recruited that we might put in the list of names who are not Department of Defense connected?--Unfortunately we do not. I eliminated the names of Martin and Mitchell who, as you know, were assigned to NSA at the time of their defection for obvious reasons. a State Department Foreign Service Officer, was the subject of a crude recruitment attempt by the Polish Service in the late 1950's but his has never been considered a true defection and I think it would be misleading to include him for this reason.
- c. Inclusion of action taken by the President, Mr. Ehrlichman, and the Rehnquist Committee--

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Attachment B is a suggested paragraph which you may wish to consider for inclusion at the beginning of the second paragraph on page 14.



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Director of Security

Attachments

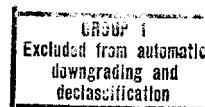
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As you know, the Agency has used the polygraph routinely since 1949. All applicants are polygraphed routinely in connection with our personnel security screening program. In addition, anyone who has daily access to Agency installations or its personnel are also polygraphed as a part of their clearance procedure. This includes the GSA char force, the guards, GSA maintenance personnel, telephone repairmen, and the people who service and man our snack bars.

The National Security Agency has used the polygraph since the mid-1950's after the defection of Martin and Mitchell. However, their use of the polygraph is restricted to civilians who are employed at NSA facilities. The polygraph is not used on military personnel, both officer and enlisted personnel who are assigned or detailed to NSA. Since two-thirds of NSA's personnel are military and since almost all defections of Americans in the past ten years have been military personnel, this leaves a serious gap in the total security of NSA.

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In recent months, the President has expressed grave concern about the proliferation of unauthorized disclosures in the press. He has charged all United States departments and agencies with the responsibility for taking drastic action. To correct the situation specifically, he has directed that immediate review be made of all personnel having special or compartmented clearances with a view toward reducing the number of these clearances to an absolute minimum consistent with "need-to-know." He has also created a special committee under the chairmanship of Mr. William Rehnquist of the Department of Justice to review and recommend changes in Executive Order 10501 which contains procedures governing the classification and declassification of documents in the United States Government.

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